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SUBJ: PRESIDENT LAMIZANA ANNOUNCES DECISION TO
CHANGE GOVERNMENT

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 0256

1. IN WHAT WAS DESCRIBED BY LOCAL PRESS AS "SOLEMN
DECLARATION", PRESIDENT LAMIZAN ANNOUNCED EVENING
JANUARY 29 THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO MAKE FUNDA-
MENTAL CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT.
THE NEW TEAM, WHICH IS TO BE COMPOSED OF ONE THIRD
MILITARY OFFICERS AND TWO THIRDS CIVILIANS, WILL BE
NAMED BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY.

2. THE PRESIDENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL SHORTLY
APPOINT A "SPECIAL COMMISSION" TO REVIEW SUGGESTIONS AND
ADVISE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT DURING RECENT CONSULTATIONS
AND TO DRAW UP PROGRAM FOR SOLUTION OF CURRENT

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POLITICAL CRISIS.HE WARNED VOLTANS NOT TO EXPECT

THE IMPOSSIBLE AND SAID THAT POLITICAL REFORMS WHICH WILL
EVENTUALLY BE APPROVED WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN A
CLIMATE OF "ORDER AND DISCIPLINE". AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S
DECLARATION, A PRESIDENTIAL DECREE, ACCEPTING THE
RESIGNATIONS OF ALL THE MINISTERS WAS READ
OVER THE LOCAL RADIO AND TELEVISION.

3. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN NO REACTION SO
FAR TO THE PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION FROM TRADE UNION
LEADERS. IN THEORY, GENERAL STRIKE IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR
FEBRUARY 3, 4 AND 5. HOWEVER, THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE
ENTHUSIASM AMONG SALARIED WORKERS AND CIVIL SERVANTS FOR
A GENERAL STRIKE AT THIS STAGE, AND IT IS GENERALLY
EXPECTED THAT THE STRIKE WILL BE CANCELLED.
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